HONOR THE SERVICE OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS

Restore state funding for the Access to Civil Justice Act

North Carolina is home to the 8th largest population of veterans in the country, and they face unique challenges – higher levels of incarceration, poverty, homelessness and mental health issues – compared to the population at large.

THE ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE ACT

Provides funding to Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC), Legal Services of Southern Piedmont (LSSP) and Pisgah Legal Services (PLS) to provide free legal services, especially providing assistance with disability and benefits claims, expungement and re-entry programs, and work to reduce poverty, homelessness, and unemployment

800,000

the number of veterans that currently reside in North Carolina 50,000

the number of North Carolina's veterans who are unemployed

Greg Allende was a well-respected and skilled serviceman for 12 years. But in his thirteenth year of service, he developed a hidden drug and alcohol addiction. When it was discovered, he received an "Other Than Honorable" discharge, a determination that disqualified him from accessing critical veteran benefits and led to a struggle with homelessness.



This struggle became easier after a LSSP attorney helped Greg appeal the Veterans Affairs Office for him to gain access to critical benefits that could help him turn his life around. His 12 years of honorable service qualified him to receive access to health care, housing and addiction treatment, and he is now a year sober and attending college classes.

4,000

the number of North Carolina's veterans who are homeless on any given night

2,500

the number of veterans assisted by North Carolina legal aid providers in 2015

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